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**- TUESDAY TELEGRAPH -**

News from the Office of Early Childhood Education at the DOE

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**1. 10 Tech Skills Every Student Should Have** - an article by David Adrade lists the technology skills that students should possess in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Technology is embedded into the Common Core Standards, K – 12. This list guides ways to encourage technology skills within the instructional practices of every classroom. The 10 skills are: security and safety, Internet search using terms and modifiers, where to go for help (self-learning of technology), office suite for document & spreadsheet preparation, typing/keyboarding, netiquette, proper use of social media, troubleshooting skills (hardware basics), backup data, finding apps and software. *Read the entire article at: [www.techlearning.com/Default.aspx?tabid=67&EntryId=3776](http://www.techlearning.com/Default.aspx?tabid=67&EntryId=3776).*

**2. AIM, National Center on Accessible Instructional Materials** has released the Critical Components of Quality Indicators for the provision of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM). IDEA regulations make it clear that all students with disabilities who need accessible instructional materials (AIM) must be provided with them, regardless of obstacles. The seven components are intended to remain interdependent with each other and their components for implementing and sustaining a coordinated system of AIM-related services. For more information on the Critical Components of Quality Indicators or to access resources on ways to provide specialized formats (Braille, large print, audio and digital text) materials to students, please contact AIM Center staff via email: [aim@cast.org](mailto:aim@cast.org).

**3. Young Athletes - A sport & play program for children 2 ½ - 7 yrs** - This program is growing in New Hampshire; three new sites were recently started in the southern part of the state. For children with intellectual disabilities, their siblings and friends, **Young Athletes** focus is on fun activities that are important to mental and physical growth. A curriculum, with all the materials needed to implement this one hour/week program, is provided by Special Olympics, New Hampshire. To start the program a community needs: a facility, a leader and children who want to learn new things, play and have lots of fun. Young Athletes is an early introduction to the world of sports and to the world of the Special Olympics. To learn more about this program, go to [www.specialolympics.org/youngathletes](http://www.specialolympics.org/youngathletes). To learn more about starting this program in your town, contact Bill Jones, Young Athletes Program Coordinator at Special Olympics New Hampshire, [BillJ@sonh.org](mailto:BillJ@sonh.org).

**4. CACFP Conference - May 23, 2012 - Let's Move! Child Care initiative** will be recognized at the annual conference to be held at Southern New Hampshire University, Webster Hall. If you have not already done so, please forward the LMCC registration message confirming your program's enrollment to [Carole.dennis@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Carole.dennis@doe.nh.gov). Additional CACFP Conference details will be provided in the near future. Child Care programs that have joined the Lets Move! Child Care initiative will be recognized at this Annual CACFP Conference.

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